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HAND HELD ELECTRIC HEAT **SEALER WITH SEALING**

MECHANISM IN PRESS BAR

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application identified in caption as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer and add the following claims:

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